

Omagh Independent Advice Services

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are

Conor Keys	
Jim Sharkey	Chairperson
Barry McMenemy	Vice Chairman
Roddy Hackett	Treasurer
Mary T Conway	Secretary
Errol Thompson	
Mary Garrity	
Marty Woodhead	
Karolina Wenta	
Geraldine Keys	
Barry McElduff	
Hazel McGuigan	

Structure, governance and management

A voluntary management committee is responsible for the policy and general management of the affairs of the Organisation. The committee meets on a regular basis. Members of the committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

The Organisation was established to relieve poverty and advance education in Omagh and the surrounding district and in particular to provide welfare rights advice, information and assistance for people of necessitous circumstances.

Achievements and performance

From April 2022 to March 2023, we dealt with 7,077 enquiries, represented at 63 Appeal Tribunals, dealt with debt amounting to £983,047.00 and our work helped generate a total of £1,854,944.00 on behalf of our clients. These figures clearly illustrate that OIAS is tackling poverty and social exclusion and making real differences to local people's lives

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 . They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b).

This report was approved by the board 25 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Jim Sharkey

Chairman

Charity number : NIC 101410

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